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**Committee Bill No. 5135**

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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:  
(INS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PROOF OF AUTOMOBILE  
INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-12b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 (a) No motor vehicle registration shall be issued by the  
4 commissioner for any private passenger motor vehicle, as defined in  
5 subsection (e) of section 38a-363, or a vehicle with a commercial  
6 registration, as defined in section 14-1, unless (1) the application for  
7 registration is accompanied by a current automobile insurance  
8 identification card containing the information required in section 38a-  
9 364 or a copy of a current insurance policy or endorsement issued by a  
10 company licensed to issue such insurance in this state or an approved  
11 self-insurer or issued pursuant to the plan established under section  
12 38a-329, verifying that the applicant has the required security  
13 coverage, and (2) the applicant signs and files with the commissioner,  
14 under penalty of false statement as provided for in section 53a-157b, a  
15 statement on a form approved by the commissioner that the owner of  
16 the vehicle has provided and will continuously maintain throughout

17 the registration period the minimum security required by section 38a-  
18 371. In the case of an owner with a vehicle located outside of the  
19 United States or Canada, the commissioner may accept in lieu of the  
20 insurance identification card required to be presented for issuance of  
21 the registration, an affidavit, in such form as the commissioner shall  
22 require, executed by the owner and stating that the vehicle will not be  
23 operated in the United States or Canada. In the case of a special use  
24 registration issued pursuant to subsection (j) of section 14-12, the  
25 commissioner may, in lieu of proof of insurance as otherwise required  
26 by this section, accept proof, satisfactory to the commissioner, of  
27 substantially equivalent or similar insurance issued by an insurer  
28 licensed to transact business in the state in which the motor vehicle is  
29 to be registered. The commissioner may require an applicant for  
30 renewal of a motor vehicle registration for any private passenger  
31 motor vehicle or vehicle with a commercial registration to sign and file  
32 with the commissioner, under penalty of false statement as provided  
33 for in section 53a-157b, a statement on a form approved by the  
34 commissioner that the owner of the vehicle will continuously maintain  
35 throughout the registration period the minimum security required by  
36 said section 38a-371. Such form shall call for and contain the name of  
37 the applicant's insurance company and policy number.

38 (b) For the purposes of this title, the requirement that a person  
39 present an automobile insurance identification card to the  
40 commissioner or a law enforcement officer may be satisfied by  
41 electronic means, including by display of an electronic image on a  
42 cellular mobile telephone or other electronic device, except that if a  
43 person presents such insurance identification card by display of an  
44 electronic image on a cellular mobile telephone or other electronic  
45 device, the commissioner or law enforcement officer may not view,  
46 and offering such display shall not be construed to be consent for the  
47 commissioner or law enforcement officer to view, any content on such  
48 telephone or electronic device other than the insurance identification  
49 card.

50     **[(b)]** (c) For the purposes of this section and sections 14-12c, 14-213b,  
 51     14-217 and 38a-364, a false statement includes presentation of a false or  
 52     fraudulent insurance identification card to the commissioner or to a  
 53     law enforcement officer. For purposes of this section, the term "current  
 54     automobile insurance identification card" includes a permanent card  
 55     with a future effective date provided the word "renewal" appears in  
 56     close proximity to the effective date on the card.

57     **[(c)]** (d) A person presenting an insurance identification card to the  
 58     commissioner or to a law enforcement officer is deemed to have full  
 59     knowledge and understanding that presentation of the card means the  
 60     owner of the vehicle so registered has provided and will continuously  
 61     maintain throughout the registration period the minimum security  
 62     required by section 38a-371.

63     **[(d)]** (e) The commissioner shall, upon receiving prima facie  
 64     evidence of a violation of this section, immediately forward the  
 65     information to an appropriate prosecuting official of the state of  
 66     Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	14-12b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit automobile insurance identification cards to be provided electronically for motor vehicle traffic stops and registration of motor vehicles with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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